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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of the Appointment of a Committee of Scholars to Review the College for Creative Studies' Application for Probationary Approval as a Teacher Preparation Institution

The State Board of Education (SBE) granted preliminary approval to the College for Creative Studies on May 22, 2003. Since that time the institution has been working under the guidance of Marygrove College, an approved teacher preparation institution, to develop a program to prepare visual arts teachers. The college is ready to submit an application for probationary approval.

A Committee of Scholars (COS) comprised of professionals, with expertise and experience in teacher education, is needed to review the application, visit the institution, and make recommendations regarding approval. The SBE did not approve the proposed COS that was presented in March 2006. Included is a revised list of individuals who are recommended to assume these responsibilities (Attachment A). Please note that Rhonda White is recommended to take the place of Diane Joslin-Gould who is no longer employed at Olivet College. Biographical resumes of the currently proposed COS are provided in Attachment B.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Timothy Brisbois, Susanne Chandler, William Charland, Karen Obsniuk, and Rhonda White as the Committee of Scholars for the review of the College for Creative Studies' application for probationary approval as a teacher preparation institution.

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**Recommended Committee of Scholars
To Review an Application for Probationary Approval as a
Teacher Preparation Institution for
The College for Creative Studies**

Timothy Brisbois
Principal
Anchor Bay Middle School

Dr. Susanne Chandler
Dean, School of Education & Human Services
University of Michigan-Flint

Dr. William Charland
Assistant Professor of Art
Art Education Program
Western Michigan University

Dr. Karen Obsniuk
Chair, College of Education
Madonna University

Dr. Rhonda White
Director, Teacher Education
Cornerstone University

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Biographical Resume

Nomination for: College for Creative Studies Committee of Scholars

1. **Name:** Timothy J. Brisbois, Ed.S.
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6. **Nominating Organization:**
7. **Race*** (Optional) **Sex*** (Optional) Male
8. **Prior Experience:**
 - 16.5 years of teaching various grades (grades 3-8)
 - 4 years as Assistant Principal and Director of Alternative Education at the City of Clawson Public Schools
 - 1 year as an Elementary School Principal at Great Oaks Elementary with the Anchor Bay Public Schools
 - 1 year as Principal of Anchor Bay Middle School (Grades 8 and 9)
 - 3 years as Principal of Anchor Bay Middle School North (Grades 6, 7, and 8)

9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:**

MASSP (Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals)
 NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals)
 MAMSE (Michigan Association of Middle School Educators)
 ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development)

Education:

Central Michigan University; Bachelor of Science and Education, 1981
 Oakland University; Masters in Curriculum and Leadership, 1988
 Oakland University; Education Specialist School Administration, 2002

Miscellaneous:

North Central Accreditation (NCA) visitation teams for the following schools:
 Frankenmuth High School and Imlay Middle and Elementary Schools

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Biographical Resume

Nomination for: College for Creative Studies Committee of Scholars

- 1. Name:** Susanne Chandler, Ph.D.
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School of Education and Human Services
University of Michigan-Flint
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 - E-Mail Address:** chandles@umflint.edu
 - Fax:** 810.766.6891
- 6. Nominating Organization:**
- 7. Race* (Optional)** **Sex* (Optional)**
- 8. Prior Experience:**
 - 1999 – 2004 – Director of the School of Education – Ferris State University
 - 1996 – 1999 – Chair & Certification Officer – Mass. College of Liberal Arts
 - Before 1996 – Teacher in high school, middle school, and elementary at various locations in California (can supply vitae if needed)
- 9. Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:**
 - American Educational Research Association
 - American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
 - Michigan Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development
- 10. Education:**
 - Ph.D. – 1990 – Ohio State University – Policy and Leadership
 - M.A. – 1987 – University of California – Davis – Curriculum & Instruction
 - K-12 Teaching Certification – 1976 – California State University – Fullerton
 - B.M. – 1974 – California State University – Fullerton – Music

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Biographical Resume

Nomination for: College for Creative Studies Committee of Scholars

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Okemos, MI 48864
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Art Education Program
Western Michigan University
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5. **Contact Information:**
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 - E-Mail Address:** william.charland@wmich.edu
 - Fax:** 517.432.3938
6. **Nominating Organization:**
7. **Race*** (Optional) Caucasian **Sex*** (Optional) Male
8. **Prior Experience:**
 - Conference Director and faculty of record for Annual Michigan State University/Michigan Art Education Association Summer Professional Development Courses and Workshops. Includes courses offered for MSU graduate credit, State Board Continuing Education Units, and professional development - 2003 to present
 - Member: Lansing School District Content Advisory Committee: *MI Art Project: Professional Development of Arts Educators*, a Lincoln Center program. Coordinator/representative for project partner, Michigan Art Education Association - 2005 to present
 - Member: MDE Michigan Artists in Residence Network - 2005 to present
 - Member: Critical Arts Content for Elementary Teacher Preparation; Michigan Department of Education - 2004 - 2005
 - Member: Governor's Task Force on Creativity, Arts and Cultural Education; Workgroup Four - Higher Education, Teacher Preparation & Professional Development - Fall 2004
 - Standards-Setting Committee: Michigan Test for Teacher Certification, Visual Arts Education - 2004
 - Content Advisory Committee: Michigan Test for Teacher Certification, Visual Arts Education Component - 2002 - 2003
 - Field Reviewer: Connecting the Arts to K-12 English Language Arts and Mathematics Grade Level Content Expectations - 2004
 - Approval Committee: State Review of Programs to Prepare Teachers of Visual Arts Education - 2002 to present
 - Committee: Teacher Preparation Program Implementation Advisory, Cranbrook Faculty Institute: A New Vision for Arts Education - 2002
 - Facilitator/Program Evaluator: Michigan Voices: An Institute for Curriculum Integration - 2002

- Evaluator: State Periodic Review of College/University Art Teacher Preparation Programs – 2001
- Project Director, Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program for K-12 Faculty Development; \$41,467; 2004 – 2006; *Enhancing Learning through the Arts: The Embedded Curriculum*. Research partnership with Pleasant View Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Lansing School District
- Principal investigator; site coordination, curriculum development; developed and conducted faculty professional development workshops throughout 2003 – 2006
- Continuing development, coordination, and administration of After School Studio Art Program, which is taught by pre-service art teachers enrolled in art education methods courses
- Program development: gained final approval from Michigan Department of Education for a new MSU Art Education Program. Responsible for all aspects of application process, compiled all documents, authored all reports – 2004
- Project Director, Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program for K-12 Faculty Development; \$46,397; *Enhancing Learning through the Arts: A Curriculum Integration Approach*; 2003 – 2004. Research partnership with Pleasant View Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Lansing School District
- Responsible for NASAD Accreditation for Grand Valley State University Art Education Program. Assembled and presented all documentation; wrote all program reports – 2002
- Cranbrook Faculty Institute: A New Vision for Arts Education at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills: a conference to introduce new MDE standards and encourage creative institutional responses. Member of conference planning committee and teacher preparation program advisory committee – 2002

9. Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

- College Art Association; 1985 to present
- Cultural Diversity Committee; 1993 – 1997; Editor, Diversity Newsletter
- National Art Education Association; 1998 to present
- Caucus for Multiethnic Concerns; 1990 – 1994; 2004 to present
- Michigan Art Education Association; 1998 to present
- MAEA Governing Council – State Higher Education Representative; 1999 to present
- Coordinator/chair of annual meeting of Higher Education Division members; 1999 to present
- Developed and implemented Michigan Art Education Association Conference Scholarship/Mentorship Program for university art education majors; 2004
- Conference Director: Annual Michigan State University/Michigan Art Education Association Summer Professional Development Courses and Workshops; 2003 to present
- Host and MSU facilities organizer for Michigan Art Education Association executive committee meetings; leadership council meetings; Michigan Youth Art Month adjudication; 2003 to present
- Art Educator of the Year Selection Committee; 2001 – 2002
- Steering committee: Annual Conference of MAEA; Grand Rapids; 2001

10. Education:

- Ph.D. Policy and Organizational Management in Education (Minor: Educational Anthropology); University of California; Berkeley; 2001
- M.A. Education; University of California; Berkeley; 1992
- M.F.A. Drawing (Minor: Printmaking); University of Michigan; 1978
- B.F.A. Visual Art (with K-12 certification); University of Michigan; 1972

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Biographical Resume

Nomination for: College for Creative Studies Committee of Scholars

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Coordinator of Directed Teaching
Madonna University
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- 6. Nominating Organization:**
- 7. Race* (Optional)** **Sex* (Optional)**
- 8. Prior Experience:**
 - Chair, Teacher Education, College of Education, Madonna University; 2000 to present
 - Acting Dean, College of Education, Madonna University; Fall 2000
 - Coordinator of Directed Teaching, College of Education, Madonna University; 1996 – 2001
 - Principal, Wood Creek Elementary School, Farmington School District, Farmington, Michigan; 1994 – 1996
 - Principal, Schweitzer Elementary School, Wayne-Westland School District, Westland, Michigan; 1983 – 1994
 - Principal, Stevenson Junior High School, Wayne-Westland School District, Westland, Michigan; 1982 – 1983
 - Principal, Monroe Elementary School, Wayne-Westland School District, Westland, Michigan; 1980 – 1982
 - Coordinator, Gifted and Talented, Wayne-Westland School District, Westland, Michigan; 1977 – 1980
 - Director, Gifted STEP-UP. (Summer Enrichment Program), Wayne-Westland School District, Westland, Michigan; 1977 – 1980

- Chairperson, English Department, Marshall Junior High School, Wayne-Westland School District, Westland, Michigan; 1973 – 1977
- Professor of Education 2000 to present; Associate Professor of Education 1996 – 1999; Adjunct Associate Professor Educator 1980 – 1995; Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan
- Grant Participation: 1995 – 1996 NEH Grant; 1995 Summer Lilly Grant; 1993 – 1995 NEH Grant

9. Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

National Reading Association
 Michigan Reading Association
 Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs (DARTEP)
 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)
 Certified Apprentice Counselor of Substance Abuse (OSAS)
 Association for School Curriculum Developers (ASCD)
 National Association of Secondary School Principals
 Michigan Association of Elementary School Principals
 Thanatologist Association
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10. Education:

- Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
 Ph.D., Administration and Supervisor (Major), English (Minor), 1982
- Kings College, London, Ontario
 Coursework in Death and Grief Counseling, 1985 – 1987
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
 Coursework in Gifted Administration, 1976 – 1977
- Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
 M.A., English Literature (Major), American Literature (Minor) 1973
- Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
 B.A., English (Major), Speech (Minor), 1970

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Biographical Resume

Nomination for: College for Creative Studies Committee of Scholars

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Teacher Education
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 - Fax:** 616.222.1537
- 6. Nominating Organization:**
- 7. Race*** African American **Sex*** Female
- 8. Prior Experience:**
 - Director, Teacher Education Department, Cornerstone University; 2005 to present
 - Assistant Professor, Teacher Education Department, Cornerstone University; 2002 to present
 - Adjunct Faculty, Education Department, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan; 2002
 - Adjunct Faculty, English Department, Davenport University, Grand Rapids, Michigan; 2002
 - Dean, Center for Academic and Retention, Academic Affairs, Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina; 1999 – 2000
 - Adjunct Faculty, Education Department, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina; 1998 – 1999
 - Instructor, English Department, Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina; 1992 – 1999
 - Special Assistant to the Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland; 1990 – 1992
 - Instructor, English Department, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland; 1989 – 1990
 - Instructor, English Department, Essex Community College, Essex, Maryland; 1989
 - Admissions Officer, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; 1987 – 1989

9. Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:

Member, Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs
(DARTEP); 2005 to present

Member, Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI); 2005 to present

10. Education:

- Ph.D. Curriculum and Teaching with a Concentration in Cultural Studies,
University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina; 1999
- M.A. Composition and Rhetoric, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; 1989
- B.A. English Education, Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina; 1985